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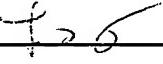
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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed March 15, 2006, please amend the referenced patent application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.